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In re Application of

TAKIGUCHI et al

Application No.: 10/573,789

PCT No.: PCT/JP2004/017643

Int. Filing Date: 19 November 2004 : DECISION

Priority Date: 21 November 2003

Attorney Docket No.: 03500103819

For: LIGHT-EMITTING DEVICE, ORGANIC

COMPOUND AND DISPLAY

The decision is in response to applicants' "PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.182" filed in the USPTO on 21 April 2006.

BACKGROUND

On 19 November 2004, applicants filed international application PCT/JP2004/017643 which designated the United States and claimed a priority date of 21 November 2003. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office from the International Bureau on 02 June 2005. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 22 May 2006 (21 May 2006 being a Sunday).

On 28 March 2006, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States, which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee, an assertion of small entity status, and a declaration of inventors.

On 21 April 2006, applicants submitted the instant "PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.182", which was accompanied by a declaration of Minako Nakasu.

DISCUSSION

In instances where an inventor has changed his or her name after the application has been filed, a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 must be submitted. The petition must include (1) the appropriate petition fee and (2) an affidavit signed with both names setting forth the procedure whereby the change of name was effected, or a certified copy of the court order.

The petition fee has been paid.

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With regard to item (2), the declaration of Minako Nakasu is an affidavit setting forth that the change of name was effected by marriage and is signed with both names–Minako Kurokawa and Minako Nakasu. The affidavit is accepted.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is **GRANTED**.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations to continue national stage processing of the application.

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